

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephone conference of March 29, 2006. Although no agreement was reached as to the allowability of the claims, features discussed included the shoulder acting as a bearing surface against the work piece.

The Examiner's attention is directed to amended claim 1, that recites a "radially extending shoulder contacts said outer surface of said workpiece and said shoulder is configured to bear against a portion of the outer surface."

The Examiner's attention is further directed to amended claim 14, that calls in part for a "shoulder configured to extend along the first surface of the work piece in a manner that prevents the first portion from pulling through the opening."

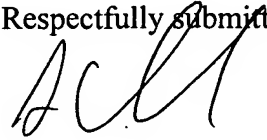
Amended claim 19 calls in part for "a shoulder defined at the intersection of the first portion and the second portion, the shoulder contacts the bearing surface and is configured to prevent the first portion from pulling through the opening."

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the references of record teach or suggest the above highlighted limitations. It is believed that the present application is in condition for

allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (410) 716-2881.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AJK', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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